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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

Version with Markings to Show Changes to the Title

**CONSTRUCTION OF CIRCULARIZED RECOMBINANT NUCLEIC ACIDS AND
PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTING THEM BY MEANS OF DNA COMPACTING
AGENTS**